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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO CONSOLIDATE THE OAHU COMMUNITY
CORRECTIONAL CENTER WITHIN THE HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY
AND FACILITATE THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE LAND CURRENTLY
OCCUPIED BY THE OAHU COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER TO
BENEFIT THE KALIHI COMMUNITY AND THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, built in 1916, the Oahu Community Correctional
2 Center no longer properly serves the needs of its overall inmate
3 population or the surrounding community of Kalihi; and
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5 WHEREAS, as the largest jail facility in the State, the
6 Oahu Community Correctional Center is overcrowded and has an
7 outdated security infrastructure, which has contributed to
8 conditions that have resulted in multiple inmate escapes; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center cannot
11 accommodate existing and projected detention needs, prompting
12 the State to request more information on the construction of a
13 new 1,125 bed Oahu Community Correctional Center to be relocated
14 from the current Kalihi site; and
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16 WHEREAS, Kalihi is not a suitable place for the Oahu
17 Community Correctional Center due to the nearby park, schools,
18 homes, small businesses, and other commercial establishments;
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21 WHEREAS, the Oahu Community Correctional Center is near the
22 future route of the Honolulu rail transit project, and its
23 presence will hinder rail-related growth in the surrounding
24 community; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Director of Public Safety stated that
27 rebuilding the Oahu Community Correctional Center at its current
28 Kalihi site is not a viable option, and the administration has
29 expressed willingness to consider its relocation; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State is evaluating proposals to expand the
2 Halawa Correctional Facility, including combining it with the
3 Oahu Community Correctional Center, to take advantage of the
4 efficiencies of consolidation; and
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6 WHEREAS, consolidation is fiscally prudent because
7 upgrading the aging Oahu Community Correctional Center may be
8 equally or more expensive than building a new facility in
9 another location; and
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11 WHEREAS, relocating the Oahu Community Correctional Center
12 will generate land development opportunities on the current
13 Kalihi site; and
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15 WHEREAS, the sale or long-term lease of the Kalihi site
16 will offset the cost of a new or consolidated jail at the Halawa
17 site; and
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19 WHEREAS, the redevelopment of the Kalihi site into a major
20 center of economic activity will generate tax revenues and
21 lease-rent income for the State and property tax revenues for
22 the City and County of Honolulu; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is urged
27 to consolidate the Oahu Community Correctional Center within the
28 Halawa Correctional Facility and facilitate redevelopment of the
29 land that is currently occupied by the Oahu Community
30 Correctional Center to benefit the Kalihi community and the
31 State; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor consider the use
34 of a public-private partnership, if feasible or necessary, with
35 a company that has the proven its capability to build a new
36 prison system; and
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
of Public Safety, Chairperson of the Kalihi-Palama Neighborhood
Board, and Chairperson of the Aiea Neighborhood Board.

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